

Lenten Bible and Book Study

I invite you to join a six-week study based on Susan Robb's book *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross*. Together, we'll journey through Lent guided by the seven last words of Christ spoken from the cross.

Sometimes we like to hear about the parades during Palm Sunday, and the celebration of Easter, but we may try to avoid the moments of the cross where Jesus shows His love. This study allows us to look at these words with contemplation but also hope.

Each week's session will include an introductory video and a review of the readings from the book. **The study requires weekly reading**, but I hope that this will bring discussion and deepen the exploration of the words of Jesus as we prepare to come together.

Books will be provided free of charge, but registration is required by January 25th to ensure timely delivery. You may register by signing up on the clipboards in the Narthex or by calling the church office at 724-834-3111. Please include your name, phone number, and/or email address.

The study will begin on **Tuesday, February 10**, slightly ahead of Lent to allow for scheduling flexibility and weather considerations. We will meet for six sessions over seven weeks, with options at **10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** each Tuesday. Dates and topics are listed below.

I hope and pray you will consider this opportunity to explore the words of Christ in a fresh and meaningful way.

Session One	February 10	Father, Forgive Them
Session Two	February 17	Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
Session Three	February 24	My God, My God
Session Four	March 3	Woman, Here Is Your Son
Session Five	March 10	I Am Thirsty
Session Six	March 24	Into Your Hands
Session	March 31	<i>Make Up Session if Needed</i>



Food Pantry “Truck of the Month”

for 2026...only 4 sponsorships are still available. Stop by the bulletin board in Sanctuary Hall or call the church office at 724-834-3111.

Centering Prayer
MOVES to meet in the prayer room
MONDAY MORNINGS
at 10:00

Questions?
Contact the church office
at 724-834-3111



“Pocket Change for a Purpose”

December TOTAL: \$259.27
benefitting Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

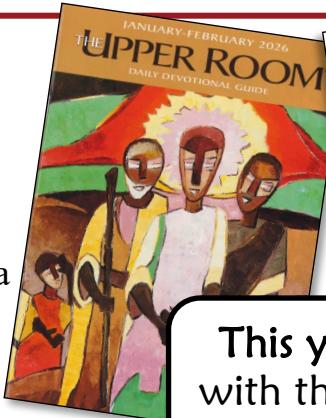
Next Collection Date:
January 18th
to benefit
Greensburg Fire Department

Thank You!!!



The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for
Jan./Feb.
is NOW available in the media
media rack in Sanctuary Hall.



Please help us cover the cost
of providing this resource
with a **\$2 Suggested Donation**



This year, dig deeper into the Word of God
with these resources for guided daily scripture
readings and/or short daily devotionals.

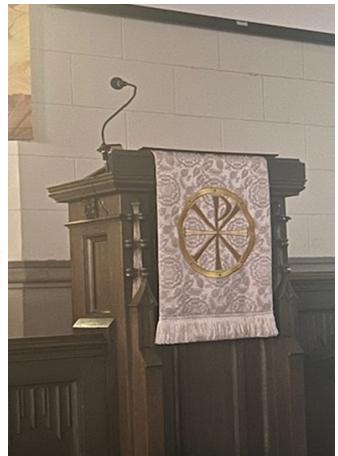


Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, Jan. 10th @ 9:00am

A home-cooked breakfast & time of devotions/prayer.

Please **RSVP** to church office
by **Wednesday, Jan. 7th** at
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org
or 724-834-3111



The Liturgist's pulpit
is empty 2 weeks
every month.

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We need your help to add fullness and richness to our weekly time of worship. We currently have only 3 regularly-scheduled liturgists. Please reach out to Pastor Clint or the church office with questions or further details.

Find us on FACEBOOK:
First United Methodist Church – Greensburg

Regular Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
(May change without notice...thank you
for your understanding & patience)



Thursday, Jan. 29th
at 8:30 am (Church Office)

The *Circuit Rider*
Assembly Team meets to
prepare the **February**
monthly newsletter
for mailing.



Next Distribution: (week CHANGE)
Friday, Jan. 16th @ 10:00am

Distribution-Day Instructions

All activity will **STILL be outside**

- Pull in and **PARK** in the lot adjacent to YMCA on S. Maple. There will be designated parking spots for Food Pantry.
- **Look for volunteers in yellow/green vests for directions.**
- Stay in your car, register with the volunteer that has a computer.
- Once registered, continue across street, in front of glass doors, and your car will be loaded.

We ask for your patience, as we all work together to make this operation run as smoothly and safely as possible.

Thursday Afternoon “Set-up Team” Jan. 15th

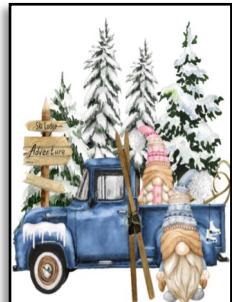
- Arrive 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to help prepare boxes & bags on tables.

Friday Morning “Distribution Team” Jan 16th

(arrive 8:00 a.m. - or whenever you can - at glass doors on S. Maple)

- We need to unload the truck, pack boxes & bags in Fellowship Hall, & distribute at 10:00.

Truck of the Month



January Gnome
Ski Adventure
Holly & Jim
Kauffman
Sponsored by



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide every client with a Shop'n Save gift card for Thanksgiving AND Christmas.



We would not be able to do ANY or ALL of this without our wonderful volunteers! We **THANK YOU**, and we hope to see you again in the new year!



Soup can collection to be distributed on Friday, January 16. During these cold months, we would like to provide canned soup for our 96 clients/families. Please place the cans in the Food Pantry Collection Bins in Sanctuary Hall.

In the event of severe weather (*deep snow or ice*) on Food Bank Friday we will post any cancellations on WPXI, KDKA & WTAE TV stations.

However, school closures take priority

and Food Bank cancellations may only appear online.

Introducing NEW Communication Cards

To help us update our church records, you will see new Communication Cards in your weekly bulletin (as seen below). Many phone numbers and email addresses in our system are missing or out of date, and these cards will help us reconnect and communicate more effectively. We'll be using the cards through the end of January.

Please take a moment to fill one out—even if you think we already have your information. Every update helps.

You can complete the card in two ways:

- Fill out the paper card found in your weekly bulletin, or
- Scan the QR code to submit your information online.

Thank you for helping us keep our church directory accurate and up to date. Your participation makes a real difference in how we stay connected as a community.



Welcome!

Today's Date

____ / ____ / ____

Your name: _____

Address: _____

1ST time Member Regular Attender

Prayer Request: _____

Please add this request to the Bulletin Prayer list
 Please add this request to the Email Prayer Chain
 Please keep this request **CONFIDENTIAL** with the Pastor

As we continue moving forward together, we know there's always room to grow in how we share and celebrate the life of the church. At First UMC, we're exploring new ways to strengthen communication and make sure important news, events, and opportunities reach everyone.

One challenge we've discovered is that some email addresses and phone numbers are missing or outdated. That's where you come in. We encourage you to take a moment to fill out the back of this form so we can update your information. By doing so, you'll help us build stronger connections and ensure you're always part of the ways God is moving in our church community.

Use this form for each member or your household.
Use Additional forms if needed.

Name _____

MOBILE Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

**Do you have a landline in your home?
If so, please let us know below.**

Updates and Communications



If you would like to complete this form electronically.
Use your phone to scan this QR code.

Greetings in the Name of Christ,

As we move through this season and reflect on God's work among us, we want to share a brief update on our ministry, our challenges, and the opportunities ahead. This year has brought meaningful worship, caring relationships, and faithful service to our community—clear signs of God's faithfulness.

It has also been a year of transition. Leadership changes and shifting responsibilities have stretched us, yet our congregation has responded with resilience, grace, and a shared commitment to move forward together.

Financially, rising costs and ongoing transitions have created challenges. As we plan for 2026, we anticipate a deficit for 2025. Even so, we remain committed to stewarding our resources wisely and strengthening the ministries that shape our life together.

We invite you to consider how you might support the church—through a special gift, reviewing your annual giving, setting up recurring online contributions, or supporting ministries that are meaningful to you.

To help us meet some of those new goals, we are pleased to share that we now have a new online giving platform. This service is completely free for the church.

When you give online, you may notice that the platform asks if you'd like to add a small donation to support their work. **This extra donation is entirely optional.** You are never required to give anything beyond your gift to the church. If you choose to add a dollar or two, that small contribution helps the platform cover its costs so that all nonprofits—including churches around the world—can use their service at no charge. It's a simple way to support ministries far beyond our own congregation. Your generosity sustains our worship, outreach, staff, building, and the new opportunities God continues to place before us. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your partnership in ministry.

You may visit the church website at greensburgfirst.org or scan the QR code to get started. We are excited to see what 2026 will bring!

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to donate
through Zeffy.com**





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Prayer Chain Partners



Contact the church office at 724-834-3111 or make note on Sunday on your Welcome Card, to get the prayer chain going...or send an email to churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org

Our Heartfelt Sympathy



to the friends and family of the following members who joined the church Eternal & Triumphant...

Shirley Kahler (December 13, 2025)
James Williams (December 22, 2025)

Christmas Poinsettias

2025

In Loving Memory of

Our Parents: Marge & Leonard OstermanCarol & Richard Andrews
 Regina & Frank Andrews
 Robert G. BaroneThe Barone Family
 Marvin & Barry Vameauer
 Joanne Vameauer-Knorr
 Sandy Marsh
 Mother/Grandmother, Lynne AbelThe Button Family
 Bob Bloom, Don Bloom, & Mike MedvedBob Bloom
 Our Loved OnesCarolyn & William Brown
 Edwin & Jean Mason, Chris DaverseBetty Daverse
 Marjorie FegertGeorge Fegert
 and Leslie & Nora Fegert
 Robert A. GaitherLois & Family
 Polly GarvinNancy & Bill Garvin
 James, Ella, & Robert ReesePam Hamill
 Our Parents: Arlene & Richard HerdMaryann & Rick Herd
 Anna Mary & Truman Fisher
 My Sibling: Amanda BurghacherMaryann Herd
 & Lance Fisher
 William R. Hughes, Jr.Ruth Hughes
 His Parents: Hazel & Bernice MeadowsEd Meadows

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In Loving Memory of

His Wife & Their Mother Sue MeadowsEd, Robin, & Lisa Meadows
 Ray Miller, Gladys MoughSherry Miller
 Dr. & Mrs. Leslie PierceCynthia & Bill Snodgrass
 Allen Pierce
 Mary StillmanHer Family
 Evelyn MakarskyKerry Thompson
 and Her Parents: Mr. & Mrs. McDowell
 and My Mother, Mrs. Mary Vahal
 Rev. Robert C. WilsonPeg, Mary, & David Wilson

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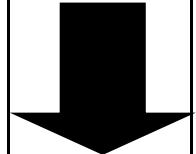
In Honor of

Carole BaroneBarone Family
 Our Children: Keilin & Joe LewisMaryann & Rick Herd
 Megan & Joe Melicher
 Our Grandchildren: Brady & Evan Lewis
 Margaret, Merrick & Macaire Melicher
 Isabel Bloom and Dorothy MedvedBob Bloom

Given by

Let's be safe... Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

Weekday office hours & activity cancellations... If Greensburg Salem school district has a 2-hour delay or cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be delayed or cancelled.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chimes Practice (Chapel) 9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	5 10:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)  6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6:30pm Board of Trustees (Trustee Room)	6  Moving to	7  RSVPs due for Fella•Ship	8 10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge) 6pm Chancel Chanters Practice (Sanctuary) 6:30pm Bells Practice (Chapel) 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge) 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)	9  Food Pantry MOVED to Jan. 16 th	10 9:00am Fella•Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
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